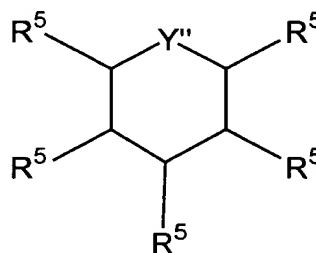
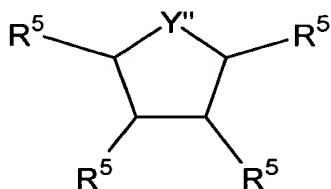
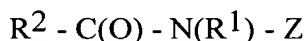


1. nonionic surfactants derived from saturated and/or unsaturated primary, secondary, and/or branched, amine, amide, amine-oxide, fatty alcohol, fatty acid, alkyl phenol, and/or alkyl aryl carboxylic acid compounds having from about 6 to about 22 carbon atoms in a hydrophobic chain, wherein at least one active hydrogen of said compounds is ethoxylated with  $\leq 50$  ethylene oxide moieties to provide an HLB of from about 8 to about 20;
2. nonionic surfactants with bulky head groups selected from:
  - a. surfactants having the formulas:



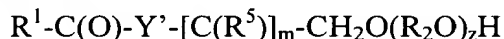
wherein Y'' = N or O; and each R<sup>5</sup> is selected independently from the following: -H, -OH, -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>x</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>, -O(OR<sup>2</sup>)<sub>z</sub>-H, -OR<sup>1</sup>, -OC(O)R<sup>1</sup>, and -CH(CH<sub>2</sub>-(OR<sup>2</sup>)<sub>z'</sub>-H)-CH<sub>2</sub>-(OR<sup>2</sup>)<sub>z''</sub>-C(O)R<sup>1</sup>, wherein R<sup>1</sup> is selected from the group consisting of saturated or unsaturated, primary, secondary or branched chain alkyl or alkyl-aryl hydrocarbons; said hydrocarbon chain having a length of from about 6 to about 22, wherein each R<sup>2</sup> is selected from the following groups or combinations of the following groups: -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>- and/or -[CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)CH<sub>2</sub>]- wherein n is from 1 to 4; and wherein x is from 0 to about 3, and z, z', and z'' are from about 5 to about 20;

- b. polyhydroxy fatty acid amide surfactants of the formula:



wherein: each R<sup>1</sup> is H, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> hydrocarbyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkoxyalkyl, or hydroxyalkyl; R<sup>2</sup> is a C<sub>5</sub>-C<sub>21</sub> hydrocarbyl moiety; and each Z is a polyhydroxyhydrocarbyl moiety having a linear hydrocarbyl chain with at least 3 hydroxyls directly connected to the chain, or an ethoxylated derivative thereof;

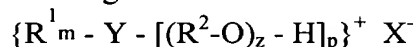
- c. surfactants having the formula



wherein R<sup>1</sup> is selected from the group consisting of saturated or unsaturated, primary, secondary or branched chain alkyl or alkyl-aryl hydrocarbons; said hydrocarbon chain having a length of from about 6 to about 22; Y' is selected from the following groups: -O-; -N(A)-; and mixtures thereof; and A is selected from the following groups: H; R<sup>1</sup>; -(R<sup>2</sup>-O)<sub>z</sub>-H; -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>x</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>; phenyl, or substituted aryl,

wherein x is from 0 to about 3 and total z is from about 5 to about 30; each  $R^2$  is selected from the following groups or combinations of the following groups:  $-(CH_2)_n-$  wherein n is from about 1 to about 4 and/or  $-[CH(CH_3)CH_2]-$ ; each  $R^5$  is selected from the following groups:  $-OH$ ; and  $-O(R^2O)_z-H$ ; and m is from about 2 to about 4; and

- d. mixtures thereof;
- 3. surfactant complexes formed by one surfactant ion being neutralized with surfactant ion of opposite charge or an electrolyte ion that is suitable for reducing dilution viscosity;
- 4. block copolymer surfactants comprising polyethylene oxide moieties and propylene oxide moieties;
- 5. cationic surfactants having the formula:



wherein  $R^1$  is selected from the group consisting of saturated or unsaturated, primary, secondary or branched chain alkyl or alkyl-aryl hydrocarbons; said hydrocarbon chain having from about 6 to about 22 carbon atoms; each  $R^2$  is selected from the following groups or combinations of the following groups:  $-(CH_2)_n-$  and/or  $-[CH(CH_3)CH_2]-$ ; Y is selected from the following groups:  $=N^+-(A)_q$ ;  $-(CH_2)_n-N^+-(A)_q$ ;  $-B-(CH_2)_n-N^+-(A)_2$ ;  $-(phenyl)-N^+-(A)_q$ ;  $-(B-phenyl)-N^+-(A)_q$ ; with n being from about 1 to about 4, wherein each A is independently selected from the following groups: H;  $C_{1-5}$  alkyl;  $R^1$ ;  $-(R^2O)_z-H$ ;  $-(CH_2)_xCH_3$ ; phenyl, and substituted aryl; where x is from 0 to about 3; and each B is selected from the following groups:  $-O-$ ;  $-NA-$ ;  $-NA_2$ ;  $-C(O)O-$ ; and  $-C(O)N(A)-$ ; wherein  $R^2$  is defined as hereinbefore;  $q = 1$  or  $2$ ;  $m + p + q = 4$ ; total z per molecule is from about 3 to about 50; and  $X^-$  is an anion which is compatible with fabric softener actives and adjunct ingredients; and

- 6. mixtures thereof;

E. optionally, from 0 to about 15% perfume; and

F. the balance water

wherein said electrolyte and said phase stabilizer, when present, provide at least one improvement selected from: lower dilution viscosity; the same, or better, stability with less principal solvent; and/or the use of principal solvents with a ClogP outside the range of from about 0.15 to about 0.64.

26. (Amended) The composition of Claim 1 wherein said phase stabilizer is nonionic surfactant derived from saturated and/or unsaturated primary, secondary, and/or branched,

amine, amide, amine-oxide, fatty alcohol, fatty acid, alkyl phenol, and/or alkyl aryl carboxylic acid compounds, each having from about 6 to about 22 carbon atoms in an alkyl or alkylene chain, wherein at least one active hydrogen of said compound is ethoxylated with  $\leq 30$  ethylene oxide moieties to provide an HLB of from about 8 to about 20.

39. (Amended) The composition of Claim 1 wherein the phase stabilizer is derived from a C<sub>8</sub>-C<sub>18</sub> fatty alcohol ethoxylated with from about 5 to about 15 moles of ethylene oxide.

#### **In the Specification**

Please amend the specification by replacing the paragraph on page 28, beginning line 17 and ending line 26 with the following:

Preferred phase stabilizers are nonionic surfactants derived from saturated and/or unsaturated primary, secondary, and/or branched, amine, amide, amine-oxide, fatty alcohol, fatty acid, alkyl phenol, and/or alkyl aryl carboxylic acid compounds, each preferably having from about 6 to about 22, more preferably from about 8 to about 18, carbon atoms in a hydrophobic chain, more preferably an alkyl or alkylene chain, wherein at least one active hydrogen of said compounds is ethoxylated with  $\leq 50$ , preferably  $\leq 30$ , more preferably from about 5 to about 15, and even more preferably from about 8 to about 12, ethylene oxide moieties to provide an HLB of from about 8 to about 20, preferably from about 10 to about 18, and more preferably from about 11 to about 15.